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Pvt. G. N. To Sol
Fleet Marine Force
Training Center
Camp Elliott
Over Calif. *over*



Mrs Mary Lavery
5914 So. Green St.
Chicago
Illinois

Air Mail

May 3, 1942
18:45

Dear Folks;

After numerous inspections we finally shoved off. The ride wasn't very long. We only went about twenty miles.

We are situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Camp Elliott. We are the first contingent to arrive at this training center. We are to be a part of the Amphibious Force. Our outfit will consist of .50 caliber machine guns, anti aircraft, and Amphibious tanks. From what we have been told

we prolably will see action before the year is up.

Our commanding officer is Lieut Colonel Croff. He is the same officer who was in command of the recruit depot. He is a damn good officer & from all indications I expect us to be a crack outfit.

The fellows are all glad to be in this force and I believe that we will have a very fine force. We have been waiting to get into a combat unit and here we get into one of the best. We haven't been formed into companies

as yet but will be Monday.

We are living in six man tents with out lights and eating outside from a field kitchen but its fun and I know that we will all like the idea of roughing it for a few weeks.

We are all excited at the thought that we are going to be trained for active duty. We were afraid we might be sent to a guard company, but our hopes and prayers have been realized.

Havent received any mail from home since Wednesday. Will probably get all your letters in one bunch.

Hope that Mams card &
picture arrived safely. What
I wrote on the picture. Really there
is a beautiful saying. Saw the
phrase at Annies house last Sun.

We have liberty tomorrow and
I probably will go to San Diego
to see a show.

Have to shine up my
gear for tomorrow so until
later

So Long
George.

P.S. Probably will look up
Sergeant M^cCarthy next week.
My address is P.O. G.V. Tudor
Fleet Marine Force
Training Center
Camp Elliott
Calif